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- 1. Between 25 and 28 December 1951, over 6,000 regular Chinese Communist troops of the 47 Army, 2(sic) Field Army, moved from Shangssu (108-03, 22-11) to Fangch'eng (108-23, 21-46). Troops were lightly armed and half of their arms were Soviet-made.
- 2. Between 24 and 29 December, 6,000 fully equipped troops of the 125 Division, 42 Army, arrived in the Fangch'eng area from Ch'inhsien (108-37, 21-58).1
- 3. On 27 December, the Chin-Lien (sic) Military Command sent a patrol boat from Ch'inhsien to Fangsh'eng with 1,200 small cases of ammunition.
- As of 10 January 1952, a Chinese Communist heavy artillery battalion, equipped with eight straight trajectory field pieces and eight howitzers, was stationed at harbors near fangeh'eng. Three motor patrol boats and three speed boats recently were sent to Ch'isha (108-31, 21-35) harbor from the Chin-Lien Military Command for sea patrol duty.
- 5. As of 10 January, 500 Chinese Communist troops, including some wounded, were in Tunghsing (107-58, 21-33).

The above information should not be regarded as a confirmation since it is in answer to a query on that report. It might be noted that there is a decrease of 3,000 in the number of troops arriving, and that the dates of arrival embrace a lengthier period. The coordinates for Tachih (116-47, 25-11) were supplied in this office and are believed to be erroneous. It is more likely that the coordinates would be those for Tachihhsu (108-22, 22-00).

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